

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Debra Browne; Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III; and Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon.

Commission Absent: 1 vacant position.

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Public Comment: Opened at 6:09 p.m. and closed at 6:10 p.m. no public present to comment.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the agenda as presented, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the Minutes of July 11, 2007.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to adopt the Minutes of July 11, 2007 into the record with corrections, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

4Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Natural Resource Director's Report: Doug Craven, NRD Director

- One agenda item for the annual hunting and fishing meeting is a presentation on the Wycamp Lake area.
- We received a letter from the Michigan Department of Historic in regards to the lighthouse on St Martins Island. They have a grant that we could apply for to get the lighthouse fixed. The letter will be sent to Archives and Records.
- Migratory bird comments, on the management of a non-eagle raptor repository are due by August 14, 2007.
- The Wildlife Biologists have been surveys waterfowl in the area.
- The Wildlife Biologists will be doing a howling survey this evening.
- A group from the Natural Resource Office went to the Taimi Hoag natural area to help them transport lumber for the construction of the boardwalk.

- Wildlife Biologists gave a presentation to the Native American camp that was held at NCMC on shocking and tracking.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Natural Resource Directors report as presented by Doug Craven, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: LTBB Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- Conservation Officers were on a group patrol last Wednesday and Thursday in the Big Bay De Noc area. They were able to visit St. Martins Island while they were there.
- There is a Law Enforcement Committee meeting tomorrow at the Hampton Inn in Petoskey. One of the topics that they will be covering is the abandoned nets in the lakes.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement verbal Report as presented by Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven.

- There was an Executive Council meeting today specifically in regards to this issue in MH-1. Projected total TAC for this area was a lot lower than everyone was expecting. The Sault Ste Marie tribe is upset about this number. The state proposed that the TAC for this area be 205,000 while SSM proposed 250,000.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Great Lakes Biologist verbal report as presented by Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the camping permit rules and regulations. There were some changes made to the regulations.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to make the necessary changes to the camping permit rules and regulations and forward them to the Executive branch to be put on the legislative calendar, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried.

Break at 7:27 p.m.
Reconvene at 7:50 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner, John Keshick III to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m., Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.
4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to return to regular session at 10:49 p.m., Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.
4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to approve the Consent Decree and have legal forward to the Executive with the appropriate funding request attached to it, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports. 2 Yes 2 No (Vice-chair, Browne and Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Fails

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adjourn at 11:12 p.m. Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.
4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting August 08, 2007.

Approved:

Debra S. Browne, Vice-Chair/Secretary

Date